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Maine Man Sentenced for False Statements to a Federal Agency

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Donald M. Pierce**, 57, of St. George, Maine, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Portland, Maine on January 19, 2007, to 13 months of imprisonment and three years supervised release. Pierce was also ordered to make restitution to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$15,000. Pierce had pleaded guilty on July 5, 2006, to two counts of an indictment charging him with making false statements on HUD eligibility forms. Court records reveal that Pierce had received HUD housing assistance in 2001. When Pierce applied for that assistance, he failed to disclose that he had a savings account, cash, certificates of deposit, and an investment account. The District Court ordered that the defendant serve his federal sentence consecutively to a state sentence that the defendant is currently serving for marijuana trafficking convictions.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Office of the Inspector General for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Office of the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration, and the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

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